

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Ruediger JAUTELAT et al.  
Serial No. : To Be Assigned  
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For : DEVICE AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING A DRIVE UNIT  
Art Unit : To Be Assigned  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND**  
**37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT**

SIR:

Please amend without prejudice the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

On the first page of the claims, first line, change "What is claimed is:" to

a1 --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--.

Without prejudice, please cancel original claims 1 to 8 and please add new claims 9 to 16 as follows:

a2 --9. (New) A device for controlling a drive unit, the drive unit being of an internal combustion engine in a vehicle, the device comprising:  
at least one sensor;